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SENATOR CUDABACK: Good afternoon. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Senators, the afternoon session is about to reconvene. Please check in. Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Are there any announcements or messages?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Not at this time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We now go to agenda item, General File 2003 committee priority bills. (Visitors introduced.) Also the cookies being passed around are for Senator Janssen's forty-third wedding anniversary. So, congratulations, Senator Janssen. Let's give him a hand. Wish you many more. On with the agenda, 2003 committee priority bills. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 367 was introduced by Senators Janssen, Hartnett, and Schrock. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 14 of this year, referred to the General Affairs Committee. That committee reported the bill to General File with committee amendments attached. Those amendments were adopted. An amendment was offered by Senator Chambers yesterday. An amendment to that amendment was offered by Senator Schrock and Beutler.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Janssen, would you like to take just a minute and fill us...review LB 367?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes, thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members of the Legislature, basically, the bill, what the bill does is amends the Lottery Act whereby we will hold the...raises the percentage on the payout of the prizes, makes it a better percentage for the people that are playing the games, and in turn holds the three recipients of the lottery, which is the Environmental Trust Fund, the Education Innovation Fund, and the Compulsive Gambling...Gamblers Fund, holds them harmless. They will not receive any less of the money than they are now, but they could possibly receive more, all depending on how the game